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Riot rocks local jail

Fires set, property damaged as prisoners refuse lockdown

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Windows were smashed and two fires were set as a revolt took place Wednesday afternoon at the Burnside jail in Dartmouth.

Sherri Aikenhead of the Justice Department said 59 prisoners in the north section of the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility refused to return to their cells at 1:30 p.m. and it led to "a major disturbance."

She said there was extensive property damage, including windows being smashed, flooding and two fires set that led to one inmate being treated on scene for smoke inhalation. Some inmates apparently even brandished pieces of smashed glass, although there were no further injuries.

One small fire was set in a trash can and a second larger one in the common room area on a bookshelf.

Aikenhead said that by later in the afternoon jail guards were able to get most of the inmates back in lockdown. However one cell block with fewer than 10 prisoners refused to re-

turn to their cells and had to be escorted individually to different cells around 7 p.m.

Aikenhead said prisoners were first put in lockdown on Tuesday night. An investigation is now taking place to determine what caused Wednesday's disturbance.

"All it takes is one inmate to get something like this started," Aikenhead said to reporters a few hundred metres from the jail.

Halifax police and fire and ambulance officials were all at the scene Wednesday.

Aikenhead said police were brought into the facility, but never had to assist.

Brian Fleckney, acting platoon chief with the Halifax Regional Fire Service, said they were called to the scene just after 4 p.m. and had two crews inside the jail ventilating the building. They left around 8 p.m.

"The sprinkler system contained the fires," he said.

Aikenhead felt the situation was contained Wednesday night, but that the prisoners were to remain in lockdown until at least Thursday morning.



Justin Trudeau speaks to students at Auburn Drive High School in Cole Harbour yesterday. Trudeau was talked about everything from politics to drugs.

Straight-talking Trudeau

JON TATTRIE
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POLITICS Justin Trudeau fielded questions about politics, pot and the meaning of life at Auburn Drive High School yesterday.

The MP for Papineau joined Dartmouth-Cole Harbour MP Mike Savage in speaking to an auditorium packed with students. He was in Halifax to help at a fundraiser for provincial Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil.

After a short speech about civic engagement, Trudeau asked for questions. The first: what's the meaning of life?

"The point of life is to be

"The point of life is to be relevant ... to know you've made the world a slightly better place."

Justin Trudeau
on the meaning of life

relevant ... to know you've made the world a slightly better place because you've passed through it," he replied. "The way you connect to your community becomes your success."

After answering some policy questions about Afghanistan and Darfur, he was asked what he thought about legalizing

drugs. He said that at a time when society is tightening rules on cigarettes and alcohol, it might be a "step backward" to legalize pot and other soft drugs.

After the talk, Trudeau told Metro he made a point of speaking to schools because of "the questions they pose, the answers I find myself giving."

"I think young people walk out of here saying, 'Yeah, I can get involved, I do matter. These politicians listened to me and gave me straight answers,'" he said. "My time as a high school teacher taught me the one thing you can't do is fool students. You have to be straight with them."

52-year-old dead after crash near military base

ACCIDENT A 52-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene of a car accident on Windsor Street near the Windsor Park military base on Wednesday.

A vehicle driven by the man left the Willow Park facility, crossed Windsor Street and went over a bank into the Windsor Park facility.

Preliminary investigation indicates the driver might have suffered some medical distress that contributed to the accident.

The driver's name is being withheld at this time.

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Cumberland County is getting more than \$13 million to improve its water and wastewater systems through the communities component of the Building Canada Fund. All three levels of government will equally share the project costs. The announcement was made Wednesday morning in Amherst. **METRO HALIFAX**

\$13 million for Cumberland County water systems

Local



Still chance to catch Neil

Tickets are still available for Friday's Neil Young concert at the Halifax Metro Centre at 7:30 p.m. The Canadian rock legend from Winnipeg is returning to Nova Scotia for his second show in six months. Tickets start at \$63.75 and are available by calling 451-1221 or online at ticketatlantic.com.

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Video court appearances coming

Change one of several announced Wednesday to ease pressure on provincial justice system

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Prisoners will soon be able to make some court appearances, without ever having to leave jail, via a video link.

It's one of several steps the province announced Wednesday to try to ease pressure on an over-burdened justice system. More police officers have led to more charges and more inmates. And that's coincided with more mistaken releases and escapes.

New changes include hiring more staff, revamping transfer forms to ensure accuracy and adding new technology.

"The recommendations that we are implementing will result in less risk and fewer releases and escapes," said Deputy Justice Minister Marian Tyson.

But the moves were not all well-received. Liberal justice critic Michel Samson slammed the idea of video court appearances.

"The whole intent of our justice system is that the accused

have to appear in front of a court in front of their peers and the people that they've wronged," he said. "So the last thing we need is for this Tory government to allow criminals in this province to hide behind a video camera."

The changes stem from an independent Deloitte report received last fall. The government says 17 of 51 recommendations have so far been completed, and the rest are underway. But the union representing corrections workers called that misleading and says workers are burnt out.

For example, the department said it has created eight new positions in the admissions/discharge area. The union said several of those spots either haven't yet been filled or are filled by part-

time workers.

"We're very frustrated because this has dragged on for way too long," said



Deputy Justice Minister Marian Tyson briefs the media on a plan for video court appearances, at One Government Place Wednesday in Halifax.

union leader Jim Gosse.

"And yes, offenders will unfortunately continue to be released in error until this em-

ployer decides that they're going to honestly sit down with the union and address the staffing issues and the deficiencies."

\$1.1M and green light for Amherst firm in LED project

ENERGY An Amherst company that makes street lights which reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions is getting over \$1.1 million for a demonstration project.

LED Roadway Lighting Limited will convert 1,100 high-pressure sodium streetlights in at least 10 municipalities to more efficient light emitting diode,

or LED, lights. Many of the lights at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport and along Nova Scotia highways will also be changed.

Switching to the LED lights could reduce energy use by more than 50 per cent. The conversion is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 288 tonnes and air pollutant emissions by close to 1,000 kilograms every year.

The bulk of the money is coming from the province's ecoNova Scotia for Clean Air and Climate Change Fund, with the remaining \$400,000 from Conserve Nova Scotia, in partnership with Natural Resources Canada.

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Guilty teen released on credit for time served

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A Halifax teenager who stabbed a 32-year-old man to death back in December of 2007 won't be spending any more time in jail.

The 18-year-old, whose identity is protected by the Youth Criminal Justice Act because he was 17 at the time of the killing, was sentenced to 18 months probation Wednesday at Halifax Supreme Court. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter back in February in the killing of Justin Tyson Tolliver.

The teenager has been in the Nova Scotia Youth Facility in Waterville since his arrest 16 months ago. The Crown and defence recommended the teen get credit for time served,

and Judge Mona Lynch agreed. Prisoners get time and a half credit for being in custody while waiting for the justice process to be completed.

The judge also agreed with the defence's recommendation on the amount of probation. The Crown had asked for three years.

As part of his sentence, the 18-year-old is to receive regular counselling, can't possess weapons, isn't allowed to have contact with any members of the Tolliver family, and for the first nine months, must live under curfew of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

In the decision, the teenager said he plans to move to another province. If that happens, he'll be required to keep in regular contact with his youth worker.

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What's online today.

Video "Crucial" time for Manitoba as Red River rises at metronews.ca/canada

Video Father of baby at heart of transplant drama says her survival shows she is a "complex little girl" at metronews.ca/canada

Video London police face questions over man's death at G20 protest after troubling video released at metronews.ca/world

Lotteries

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Production halted on Sable gas project after small fire

ENERGY A fire shut down production on a Sable gas project earlier this week. Operator ExxonMobil said gas was "shut in" at 2:10 a.m. on Tuesday morning on the Thebaud Compression Platform when a small

electrical fire broke out.

The platform, located 225 kilometres off the east coast of Nova Scotia, is unmanned, but staff from a connected platform responded and put out the fire. One of the three The-

baud platforms is staffed, with a workforce of about 50. There were no injuries and minimal damage.

"There are no immediate health, safety, environmental or resource conservation concerns at this point," said

Tim Church of the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board, the government body that oversees the offshore industry. "We will continue to monitor the situation and production won't resume until

ExxonMobil can demonstrate operations can be safely restored."

Smoke from an overheated fire pump triggered a second alarm at 4 a.m., but staff responded quickly.

JON TATTIE/FOR METRO HALIFAX

Saint Mary's grad wins Plaskett Medal

Saint Mary's University graduate Catherine Lovekin has won this year's Plaskett Medal. The medal is awarded annually to the PhD graduate from a Canadian university who is judged to have submitted the best doctoral thesis in astronomy or astrophysics in the preceding two years. **METRO HALIFAX**

Waiting is hardest part

HRMbyDesign plan to face final vote by council May 5

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It's been years in the making, and HRMbyDesign will face its final vote May 5.

Networking group Fusion Halifax already started pressuring Halifax Regional Council to approve the plan with a rally Wednesday at Grand Parade Square.

"It focuses on development issues that we've never talked about before, like sustainability and green spaces and public art," said Fusion director Tori Jarvis.

"It takes away from what we've been focusing on for the past 20 years, which is height versus heritage. It really has elevated the discussion."

About 30 people turned up for the rally to support the plan, but it has not been without controversy. The Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia has vocally opposed the plan for doing too little to protect heritage, while some on the other side think it goes too far.

Fusion chair Alyson Queen said no plan can make everyone happy, but the proposal strikes a reasonable balance to help revitalize the downtown.

Halifax Chamber of



Andy Fillmore, urban design project manager for HRM, speaks Wednesday at the Fusion Halifax campaign launch to support HRMbyDesign's downtown plan.

Commerce chair Kim West said developments currently take too long to get approval. She said the new HRMbyDesign system will encourage more, smarter development.

"You can't be taking two years, three years, sometimes four years to get a

project through the regulatory approval process," West said.

"We need to be much more nimble in terms of getting through the process so that we can get on with them while the opportunities are there."

The plan has already

been approved by the province but must pass a final vote by council. Urban Design project manager Andy Fillmore, who oversaw the creation of the plan, was happy to see the support.

"It was a very good day," he said.

Hurdle remains for waterside plan

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Developer Ben McCrea has a final message to the Heritage Trust — do you want a building or a parking lot?

There's only one possible hurdle left for McCrea's waterside development. Council originally voted to block it, but the vote was overturned by the Utility and Review Board.

This week, council announced it would not appeal that decision.

But the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, an intervenor in the hearings, could still launch an appeal.

McCrea said if he isn't able to build the new development in the current O'Carroll's site, then the

building will have to be demolished.

"Anything that removes from my company and me the ominous prospect of having to demolish heritage buildings I'm pleased with," he said.

"Everyone should now recognize, even (Heritage Trust president Phil Pacey), that there are only in fact two alternatives ... if you refuse this development then the only consequence can be demolition."

McCrea said Pacey disseminated misinformation to council — "whether purposeful or from a lack of knowledge" — that contributed to the original vote to block the development.

The Heritage Trust has not yet decided whether it will appeal the decision.

Halifax sees dramatic drop in housing starts

JON TATTRIE

for Metro Halifax

After a bumper February, new-start housing in Halifax took a dive last month. According to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, there were 89 housing starts last month, a dramatic drop from the 259 in March 2008.

The market had actually

risen in February, although that was mostly due to a new 90-unit apartment building in Mainland North.

There were 40 single starts last month compared with 75 in March 2008, while multiple starts decreased significantly to 49 units from 184.

"A lack of apartment-unit starts last month compared to a relatively strong

month of apartment-unit starts in March 2008 resulted in a large percentage decrease in total starts in March 2009," said Matthew Gilmore, senior market analyst with CMHC's Atlantic Business Centre. "On a year-to-date basis, the first quarter continued to see general weakness in demand for new construction and resulted in a nearly 50 per cent decrease in

single-detached starts activity."

In the Atlantic region, 244 new units were started in March 2009, compared to 522 units during the same period in 2008. CMHC said the decreases should be viewed in the context that housing starts have been exceptionally strong over the past seven years, exceeding 200,000 units per year.

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Dalhousie University graduate Chuck Broderick has been appointed a Crown attorney in the Sydney office of the Public Prosecution Service. Broderick, who is from Glace Bay, graduated from the Dalhousie Law School in 1977. He also has expertise in Aboriginal law as the former solicitor for the Eskasoni Band Council. **METRO HALIFAX**

Scheduling 30th Tattoo an international affair

JON TATTRE
for Metro Halifax

Representatives from around the world are gathered in Halifax this week to prepare the final schedule for the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo's 30th anniversary show this July.

"It's going to be, we think, our biggest cast ever," said Thomas Grotian, marketing manager for the Tattoo. More than 60 people, from Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Britain

"It's going to be, we think, our biggest cast ever."

Thomas Grotian, marketing manager

and the U.S., are putting together a show that will include pogo sticks, an army jeep display team, historical re-enactments and all three services competing in the obstacle race.

The Tattoo Times reports Massachusetts's Middlesex County Volunteer Fife and

Drum Corps will take part, the first time in 10 years the U.S. has participated. Germany is sending the Hamburg Police Motorcycle Team, France the Paris Police Gymnastics Team and the Copenhagen Police Band. They'll join Britain's Regimental Band and Corps of Drums of the Royal Welsh, the Royal Band of the Belgian Air Force and the Royal Fire Brigade Band from Malmö, Sweden. The Mounties will be there, along with the Stadacona Band of Maritime Forces Atlantic.

April Showers bring big puddles



A pedestrian heads out for a walk at Point Pleasant park past a huge puddle in the wake of heavy rainfall over the last few days.

Eggs, milk should be on list: CUPE

LOCAL Buy local — that's the message from Danny Cavanagh, president of CUPE Nova Scotia.

Cavanagh wants the Nova Scotia government to follow Ontario's lead and look at expanding its buy local program to include eggs, milk and meat in all government buildings.

Cavanagh says he wants the provincial government to lead by example by buying local and helping the Nova Scotia economy and producers.

All Ontario government buildings in the legislature complex in Toronto currently serve locally grown food in their cafeterias and restaurants and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty wants to see that expanded to all government offices. **METRO HALIFAX**



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Truro killer denied full parole by board

A convicted killer from the Truro area with a history of violence and aggression has been denied full parole.

Mark Foster Dickie, 41, is serving life in prison at a federal jail in Saskatchewan for the second-degree murder of Leon George Adshade of Upper Stewiacke.

On April 29, 1991, Dickie stabbed Adshade eight times in a Lower Truro Road apartment. He covered Adshade with a garbage bag

and blanket and transported him to a wooded area at the end of Kent Road in Lower Truro. The body was discovered in May.

"Most of your initial institutional behaviour was violent, you were involved in inmate stabbings and you were both verbally and physically aggressive towards staff and inmates," the parole board's decision from the April 1 hearing said.

"More recently your behaviour has improved."

Dickie's full parole plans were to reside in a halfway house in Nova Scotia, where he has family support, and seek employment.

"The board is satisfied that your risk is not manageable at this time under any form of release," the decision said. "To your credit you realize you are not prepared for a full parole release."

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Manitoba opens floodway

Manitoba has activated the Red River Floodway. Officials had said the flood diversion channel wouldn't be used until all of the ice was off the Red River near the floodway gates south of Winnipeg. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Canada

Activists aim at Shell

Coalition claims oil giant broke agreement to cut output of GHGs

Canadian environmental groups asked regulators Wednesday to rescind approvals for part of a \$13.7-billion expansion of Royal Dutch Shell Plc's oilsands project, alleging the company backed off promises to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

The Oil Sands Environmental Coalition — which includes the Pembina Institute, the Toxics Watch Society of Alberta and the Fort McMurray Environmental Association — say Shell has broken an agree-

ment to significantly cut the output of greenhouse gases (GHG) such as carbon dioxide from an expansion of its Muskeg River and Jackpine oilsands mines in northern Alberta.

The coalition is asking the Canadian government and Alberta's Energy Resources Conservation Board, who jointly approved the project, to reconsider their ruling through a new public hearing because Shell's promise was a factor in the decision.

Cost of oilsands

• Canada's oilsands have the largest reserves outside the Middle East. However separating the tar-like bitumen from sand and soil and upgrading it into refinery-ready synthetic crude is more energy intensive and emits more carbon dioxide than conventional oil production.

"Shell has broken a binding agreement," said Simon Dyer, oilsands pro-

gram director at the Pembina Institute. Regulators "can reopen those approvals given that Shell has clearly reneged on its commitment."

The groups claim Shell agreed to come up with specific targets for cuts to greenhouse gas emissions at the mine sites. Instead, they say the company told them it will not quantify its GHG cuts, deciding instead to wait for the government to come up with regulations on emissions.

REUTERS

CBC wants slice of fund for local newscasts

BROADCASTING The cash-strapped CBC, struggling with layoffs and cuts to regional programming, wants a slice of any government funding meant to rescue local newscasts of struggling private broadcasters.

The public broadcaster, facing a \$170-million shortfall, pledged to invest any new government cash into local coverage — the very kind of programming Conservatives are looking to save with a proposed \$150-million fund.

"It's an extremely difficult situation for us ... we would welcome any immediate financial support from government if it were to strengthen our regional presence," said Marco Dubé, director of media relations and issues management for CBC/Radio-Canada.

"If there was on a hypothetical basis new money we would be glad to reinvest," Dubé said yesterday. And CBC found support yesterday from advocates, politicians and onscreen performers.

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Ottawa Tamil protest



A Tamil protestor takes part in a demonstration in front of Parliament Hill in Ottawa Wednesday. Protesters accused the Sri Lankan army of using chemical weapons and rape in its war against the Tamil Tigers and said the army has killed thousands of Tamil civilians, CBC News Online reports.

Liberals gain ground in new poll

POLITICS A third national poll has given Canada's opposition Liberals a slight lead over the recently re-elected Conservatives who are fighting to maintain support during the current recession.

The Strategic Counsel poll, issued Wednesday by the Globe and Mail newspaper, has the Liberals at

34 per cent and the Conservatives at 32 per cent. Two polls issued in late March had put the Liberals one to three points ahead.

"A recession is a bad backdrop for a government in office," the Globe quoted Strategic Counsel partner Peter Donolo, a former Liberal spokesman in the 1990s, as saying.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper led the Conservatives to their second straight minority government in an election in October.

Strategic Counsel had the Conservatives in the lead in March, following a visit to Ottawa by President Barack Obama.

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Townpeople gather for funeral

More than 500 people gathered at a church in Laval for the funeral of two girls found slain in their family home last week. Their mother, Adèle Sorella, has been charged with first-degree murder in connection with their deaths. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Aecon Group wins \$181M contract

CONSTRUCTION Aecon Group Inc. said Wednesday that its joint venture with two other builders has won a \$181 million contract to complete water tunnels in Vancouver.

Aecon, Canada's biggest publicly traded construction and infrastructure company, is a 30 per cent partner in the venture with Frontier-Kemper Constructors and J.F. Shea Construction. **REUTERS**

Canadians oppose auto biz loans: Poll

ECONOMY Most Canadians are opposed to giving taxpayer-funded loans to the troubled auto industry and believe North American companies should go under if they can't compete, according to an Angus Reid/Toronto Star poll released yesterday.

Fifty-one per cent disagree with the decision by the federal and Ontario governments to commit \$4 billion in short-term loans to General Motors of Canada Ltd. and Chrysler Canada Inc.

And 63 per cent believe these companies should declare bankruptcy if they can't make a go of it in the global auto market.

Ottawa and Queen's Park have said interim loans of \$3 billion for GM Canada Limited and \$1 billion for Chrysler Canada will be advanced as necessary to assist the companies while they work on their restructuring plans.

In Ontario, where auto is king, respondents are clearly split on the government assistance, with 46 per cent in favour and 48 per cent against.

The survey further shows that almost half or 48 per cent of Canadians believe the struggling automakers have received enough money and shouldn't get a dime more.

Between April 3 and 4, 1,002 Canadian were surveyed. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Prime Minister Stephen Harper and New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham raise their arms during a human wave at the World Men's Curling Championships in Moncton, N.B., Wednesday. Harper was working with the premier on plans for the province's scenic Fundy Trail, among other projects.

Canada 'ahead' of G20: Harper

Tories pressured on infrastructure

Canada is "way ahead" of other G20 nations in putting its stimulus cash to work creating jobs and easing the economic downturn, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says.

Harper made the boast on a day when the federal government pledged \$9.2 million to improve the marina in Oshawa, Ont.; \$400 million in upgrades to federal buildings and \$5 million for a New Brunswick highway project.

"A lot of other countries are announcing stimulus budgets and I'm not saying anything against them but I think a lot of them are less advanced and a lot less certain of how they're actually going to get the money out quickly than we are in Canada," Harper said yesterday.

The prime minister, who met with G20 leaders last week in London to discuss the economic crisis, said

he expects Canada will be able to roll out its own spending faster thanks to co-operation with other levels of government and moves to streamline paperwork.

"We want to make sure we are putting people to work in this construction season," said Harper, during a stop in Moncton, N.B.

"The federal government has been cutting all kinds of red tape in terms of approval processes. We are determined to show Canadians that we are in fact getting to work," he said.

But with the construction season now poised to begin in earnest, the Conservatives, accused by the opposition of dragging their feet to cope with the economic crisis, are under the gun to make the \$12 billion in infrastructure cash promised in the Jan. 27 budget a reality.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

EMPLOYMENT Canada's March job losses will not be encouraging, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said on Wednesday in his now habitual commentary on the closely watched

employment report on the eve of its release to the public. "I expect the numbers will continue to be worse over the next several months," Flaherty told reporters. **REUTERS**



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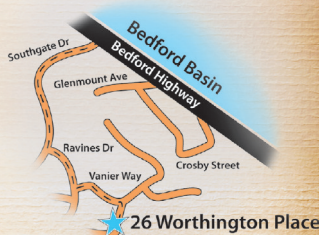


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Georgian opposition demands resignation of president

The government of Georgia appealed for calm Wednesday as the opposition prepared demonstrations to demand the resignation of President Mikheil Saakashvili. **REUTERS**

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World



Supporters of former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra rally Wednesday in Bangkok. Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said Wednesday that an Asian summit would go ahead as planned in Thailand this week as demonstrators gathered with the intention of toppling him.

Thousands rally to overthrow Thai PM

Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva insisted Wednesday that an Asian summit, postponed once already, would go ahead in Thailand this week despite a mass rally in Bangkok by protesters intent on toppling him.

Police said 100,000 demonstrators, supporters of ousted former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, were at Government House by the evening, more than

during the day but still far fewer than the 300,000 organizers had promised.

No clashes were reported, although fears of violence fed rumours that a meeting of leaders of the Association of South East Asian Nations and other Asian countries starting Friday would be cancelled or moved. The meeting was postponed late last year because of political unrest when a pro-Thaksin

government was in power, and Abhisit's administration has billed the event as a sign Thailand was getting back to normal.

Thaksin was toppled in a coup in 2006 and is in self-imposed exile, but his absence has not healed the divisions between the royalist and business elite, who accused him of corruption, and the poor who benefited from his populist policies. **REUTERS**

Hopes fade for Italy quake survivors amid aftershocks

ABRUZZO A series of aftershocks disrupted rescuers in central Italy Wednesday and early Thursday as they picked through rubble for a third night in search of survivors of Monday's earthquake that killed 272 people.

One tremor measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale hit at 2:53 a.m. local time Thursday. The aftershocks terrified many of the survivors — 17,000 of whom

stayed in tent villages after being made homeless. Rescuers acknowledge hope of finding anyone alive under the devastated city are fading with every hour.

The death toll rose to 272 after rescuers pulled more bodies from collapsed buildings. A mass state funeral and national day of mourning are expected to be held Friday. **REUTERS**

Hijacked ship's crew takes reins back from pirates

INDIAN OCEAN The crew of a U.S.-flagged, Danish-owned ship hijacked by pirates off Somalia retook control of the freighter Wednesday but their captain was still held hostage on a lifeboat.

The crew of 20 Americans was in control of the ship and was trying to negotiate its captain's release while waiting for a U.S. warship to arrive.

The ship's operator, Maersk Line Ltd., confirmed the U.S. crew had regained control of the Maersk Alabama after the pirates left the ship with one hostage.

A Pentagon spokeswoman, Army Lt.-Col. Elizabeth Hibner, said the U.S. Navy destroyer Bainbridge had arrived at the site. **REUTERS**

News in brief

LONDON An independent British police watchdog said Wednesday it was taking over the inquiry into the death of a man during anti-G20 protests in London last week. The inquiry had been in the hands of London police but the Independent Police Complaints Commission stepped in after footage emerged showing po-

lice push the man, a 47-year-old newspaper seller, to the ground.

INTERNET Cyberspies from China, Russia and other countries have penetrated the U.S. electrical grid and left behind programs that could be used to disrupt the system, the Wall Street Journal reported. **REUTERS**

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Peddling naughty wares leaves some cold

Relating

Andrea Woo



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It was a drizzling Saturday evening in B.C.'s Fraser Valley and I was prodding a replica vagina with modest intrigue and quiet condemnation.

I was at the Taboo Naughty But Nice Sex

Show, for reasons that are still not clear, and the latex lady part was one of hundreds of items being peddled casually, like a Teflon frying pan at Costco.

Here, perusing the aisles of adult playthings under bright lights in a warehouse setting, one couldn't help but notice the sterilization of sex — something so significant in romantic relationships and usually so emotionally provocative — and the complete pointlessness of many of the products.

The strappy leather get-

"Under bright lights in a warehouse setting, one couldn't help but notice the sterilization of sex."

up laden with grips and handles, for example, seemed rather unnecessary. The traffic-cone-size butt plug did not need to exist. The non-porous, glass dildo with a flower inside failed to pique my interest, despite the sales lady informing me it was "functional art" that's also "dishwasher safe."

And the middle-age woman selling vibrators at her corner kiosk like a female Billy Mayes? "It's like she was selling Cuisinart appliances," said one friend. We half expected the vibrator to also dice onions and absorb spills effortlessly.

Another friend theorizes the trade shows are deliber-

ately unsexy, as to not intimidate the more conservative attendees. I think he is wrong.

The sex toy industry peddles its products with the pitch these items could and should be an exciting and instrumental part of people's sex lives. Those who aren't interested, the inference would suggest, are boring or guarded or scared.

Organizers wanted the show to be sexy, exciting and risqué, but failed, because the reality is that Cy-

berSkin and AA batteries and Liberator ramps are not sexy — people are. Toys are just that, and should be used as occasional accessories, without the permanency of the holes drilled into the ceiling to install a Love Swing™.

That said, I still think the Ultra Realistic Vibrating Vagina & Anus would make a pretty neat conversation piece.

Andrea Woo is a Vancouver-based news and entertainment reporter. She won this column in a carnival dart game.

Views

We need strategies, not buy Canadian mantra

InStep

Christine Williams



We're still in the shock phase of a global economic meltdown. Nothing else explains why some voices are still shouting "buying Canadian" is the only way to save jobs. Albeit those voices should be applauded for their nationalist zeal, the encouragement of buying Canadian is comparatively different than issuing distress commands to buy Canadian; the latter signifying a reluctance to accept

the inevitable outcome of globalization, which didn't galvanize overnight. Its steady growth over the past couple of decades has triggered a mega-shift from the managed economy of the cold war era to the new modern demands for ideas, technology, innovations and entrepreneurship.

We encouraged competition and applauded free trade for enabling expansive opportunity and growth. Now we are faced with an inevitable consequence: Growing pains. We're now forced to seek solutions, which could take some time. But given the instant gratification mantra of the marketplace we readily gobbled up, it won't be easy. We don't want to be

caught off guard like Britain in the 19th century when the new U.S. economic empire arrived on the scene; so we must equip ourselves with knowledge to strategize into the future.

Many economists are predicting a shift in the balance of power to our neighbours from the East: China, a dominant player in mass manufacturing and India, with their high-tech hubs. Goods come cheap in India, less than three grand a car.

Recently "On the Line," I asked Leonard Brody, the CEO of NowPublic, how much sense buying Canadian meant. He said it made as much sense as asking someone to vacation Canadian.

David Cravit, CEO of Zoomer Media, offered his

consoling advice that it made more sense to focus instead on becoming more competitive globally.

One only needs to look at the substantive restructuring, and uncertainty facing the Big Three Auto Maker Oligopoly to face up to the reality of the competitive global market. With the focus of the G20 summit being to prevent a worldwide depression and restore confidence in markets, we nervously await any positive news while practising the virtue of patience. For those of us who could, I will still extol the patriotic advice: "Buy Canadian."

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.

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Desk jobs making more people obese: Study

HEALTH Desk jobs are increasing obesity, with many employees and employers ignorant of the risks of sitting down all day, researchers said on

Wednesday.

Two billion people worldwide will be overweight by 2015, and more than 700 million will be obese, according to the re-

searchers, whose EU-funded study examined exercise and working habits across the European Union.

A lack of designated ar-

eas for employees to store and eat their food, and a lack of on-site gyms were among the factors increasing obesity, the researchers said.

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Fears behind PC attacks?

Fake security software may be causing more infections

Computer users' growing fear of worms and viruses could be behind a recent spike in attacks on PCs via bogus security software, according to a Microsoft Corp. report published on Wednesday.

As the Conficker worm and other malicious software have grabbed headlines, more computer users have been looking for security programs online, some of which turn out to be agents for viruses themselves.

Out of hundreds of millions of PCs monitored by Microsoft for its twice yearly Security Intelligence Report, seven of the 25 top security threats came in the form of fake security programs.

In the last six months of 2008, Microsoft said it

Numbers

- Overall, Microsoft's report shows that instances of software security problems actually fell three per cent in the second half of last year from the first half. But the number defined as "high severity" rose four per cent.

cleared 4.4 million PCs of the most successful bogus security program, which goes under the name of Win32/Renos.

That is a 67 per cent increase over the first half of 2008, said George Stathakopoulos, head of product security at Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing Group.

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Shaw profit hit by smaller tax gains

MEDIA Cable and telecom company Shaw Communications Inc. said Wednesday that quarterly profit declined due to smaller tax gains, but that earnings excluding non-operating items were higher.

Shaw announced a profit of \$156 million in the quarter, ended Feb 28.

Digital TV

- Shaw said in March that it added more than 100,000 digital-TV subscribers in its second quarter, record growth despite the economic slump.

That was down from a profit of \$299 million a year earlier. It recorded a tax recovery of \$23 million in the quarter, compared with \$188 million in the same period last year. Excluding non-operating items, Shaw said it would have made a profit of \$128 million, up from \$113 million.

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The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Apple growers boosted:

The province is assisting apple growers who plant more profitable varieties of apples with \$200,000 in additional funding.

Atlantic travel guide:

Michelin has launched the Green Guide for Atlantic Canada as part of a new series of regional travel handbooks, using a trusted star-rating system to recommend destinations.

Amherst council, mayor to receive pay hike:

Amherst council, mayor to receive pay hike: Amherst town councilors and the mayor are set to receive a three per cent hike in their honorariums. "It's true the economic climate is on the downswing, but that doesn't change the fact that the cost of living has all gone up," Mayor Robert Small said.

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Crackdown flushes out German tax dodgers

A crackdown on tax havens is encouraging more Germans to come clean about foreign accounts they use to evade taxes. **REUTERS**

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Creditors strike deal with Quebecor World

Montreal printer could emerge from bankruptcy

AGREEMENT Insolvent commercial printer Quebecor World Inc. has reached a deal "in principle" with its creditors that could allow it to emerge from bankruptcy protection by mid-July, it said Wednesday.

Quebecor World, which filed for court protection from creditors in January 2008, said it has struck a "general agreement" that will likely lead to a recapitalization and deleverag-

Shares

• Quebecor World's shares rose 0.5 cents to close at 8.5 cents on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

ing of the company.

It said it expects to file a detailed plan by the end of April, both in Canada and the United States.

It reiterated that as a re-

sult of the bankruptcy protection process, "it is highly unlikely" that its existing multiple voting shares, redeemable first preferred shares and subordinate voting shares will have "any value" following the reorganization.

The Montreal-based company cut 12 per cent of its workforce in 2008 and currently has about 20,000 employees.

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Trust in U.S. financial system dips: Survey

FINDINGS After months of bad economic news, Americans' trust in the U.S. financial system is still falling, according to a survey released Wednesday.

The Chicago Booth/Kellogg School Financial Trust Index fell to 19 per cent in March from 20 per cent in an inaugural poll in December.

Trust toward banks fell

to 29 per cent from 34 per cent, and trust toward large corporations slid to 10 per cent from 12 per cent.

Bucking the trend, trust in the stock market rose to 13 per cent from 11 per cent. The survey polled 1,013 individuals in the first two weeks of March.

Co-author Paola Sapientza of the Kellogg School of

Management at Northwestern University said, "The drop in trust toward banks and large corporations appears to be consistent with the negative publicity they've experienced in the first quarter of 2009. This tarnished image, especially of banks, could impact their value moving forward."

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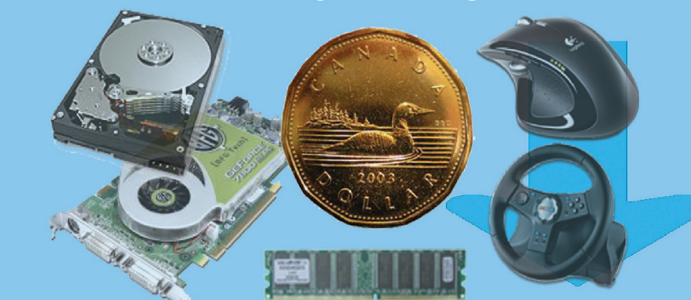
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very spring, my next-door neighbour is the first one to rake and clean up his yard of all the leaves, branches and other rubbish that is

Get going on your yard

uncovered when the snow melts.

You can imagine his dismay every year when he looks at our yard, which

tends to be neglected until we can no longer ignore the hints from those who live around us.

Well, after I'd received

several subtle and not-so-subtle reminders, I decided to get to work, and was soon joined by my neighbour, who very graciously decided to help me start my spring yard and garden cleanup. I thanked him and we parted on the understanding that I would soon tackle the back yard, which I haven't done yet but intend to ... soon.

While I may have shortcomings in the area of garden and yard maintenance, I certainly like to make lists, and after some thought, here is the cleanup list that I hope will help me accomplish spring yard cleanup in a timely fashion.

Most people start thinking about yard cleanup when they notice shoots from snow-drops or crocuses poking out of the soil. When this happens, loosen and remove the mulch from around the shoots. Don't allow them to be smothered under that compacted layer of leaves and dead plant material that has accumulated over the winter.

But don't take the

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Sylvia Putz

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whole layer off just yet. Keep the unpredictable weather conditions of early spring in mind. Wait until you are reasonably sure there will be no more snows or freezing temperatures. These early spring plants will need

some protection when the departing season blows its last, desperate icy breaths.

In the meantime, you can clean the rest of the garden and yard of detritus, leaves, branches, and any trash that has blown in. Cut back perennials like Rudbeckia or Sedum or any ornamental grasses that you may have left standing over the winter.

When the weather is more consistently warm, you may remove all leafy waste from around the plants. **CONT. ON NEXT PAGE>>**

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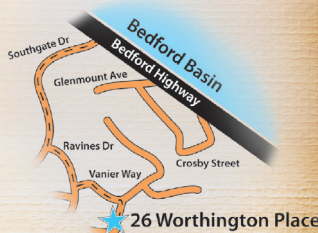


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Prioritize yard work

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If your soil is poor, work compost or an organic fertilizer into the soil before you plant annuals, and around perennials after they have begun to sprout and are 2 to 3 inches tall.

Once the soil is exposed, spread organic mulch such as bark, wood chips or shredded leaves around perennials and over annual beds to discourage weed growth and keep soil temperature and humidity more agreeable when the sun starts to bake exposed soil. Whatever you use, make sure water can percolate through.

If you have grass, give it a good deep raking as soon as it starts to turn green. This stimulates growth by removing thatch, or dead grass from the last season.

For shrubs and bushes that bloom in summer or fall, you may prune them in late winter or early spring to take off dead limbs, rejuvenate the plant and to maintain a pleasing shape. To avoid pruning off blooms of spring-blooming shrubs that flower from last year's growth, prune only when the blooms begin to die off.

Just think — by next year, you'll have the spring yard cleanup routine down



Having a plan is key for getting your yard under control.

to an art, no doubt to the astonishment of your friends and neighbours.

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U.S. President Barack Obama called North Carolina basketball coach Roy Williams to congratulate the Tar Heels on their NCAA championship Tuesday. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs says Obama thanked Williams for "vindicating him in front of the entire country." Obama picked UNC to win the championship in his NCAA bracket. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Obama thanks Williams

Sports

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Serena stunned in Spain

Top-ranked Serena Williams was upset by No. 95 Klara Zakopalova at Wednesday's first round of the Andalucia Tennis Experience clay-court tournament in Spain. The Czech converted seven break points in her 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 win. The WTA tour also said Wednesday that Dinara Safina will surpass Williams for the No. 1 ranking in women's tennis later this month. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Dal's Savoy calls it quits

Carolyn Savoy is hanging up her clipboard after 32 years at the helm of Dalhousie Tigers women's basketball team.

Savoy took over the coaching duties at Dalhousie in 1977 after seven years as head coach of the St. Francis Xavier X-Women.

Savoy enjoyed a successful career at Dalhousie posting an 858-292 win-loss record and leading the Tigers to the national final in 1980.

Her teams won nine regular season Atlantic University Sport titles and five AUS championships.

Savoy was also named Atlantic University Sport coach of the year four

times and received the Frank Baldwin award in 2005 for her contributions to the development of basketball in Nova Scotia in addition to receiving several other accolades.

"I can only say that 32 years at Dalhousie has gone by in the blink of an eye," Savoy said in a release.

"I am very proud of all my players' many accomplishments over my coaching career. Many of them are still my dear friends." Dalhousie president Tom Traves praised Savoy's devotion to the university Wednesday.

"Carolyn defines the word dedication and her commitment to our play-



Dalhousie's Carolyn Savoy leaves the Tigers with a 858-292 record in 32 seasons.

ers' development as athletes and excellent students has made a profound difference in the lives of thousands of young women. Dalhousie owes Carolyn Savoy a

great debt of gratitude."

Savoy, a professor at the university, will be assisting the athletic department in the transition of finding her replacement.

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Tiger all the talk at Augusta

GOLF Tiger Woods has dominated much of the talk ahead of Thursday's opening round at the Masters where the world number one will be bidding to win his 15th major title.

A four-time champion at Augusta National, Woods will be competing in his first major since his play-off victory at the U.S. Open in June before he was sidelined for eight months while recovering from reconstructive knee surgery.

"When you get to the bigger stage, Tiger is the top dog and he deserves the attention with what he's done," British Open champion Padraig Harrington told reporters while preparing for the year's first major.

"He's coming back from injury, it's a fantastic story and it's good to be told."

Woods has appeared in only three PGA Tour events since making his much anticipated return to the circuit

but he triumphed in his most recent start, at the Arnold Palmer Invitational 10 days ago.

The biggest challenge at Augusta comes on the slick, severely sloping greens and Woods has become well acquainted with their nuances since making his Masters debut as an amateur in 1995.

"I feel pretty good at Augusta," said Woods.

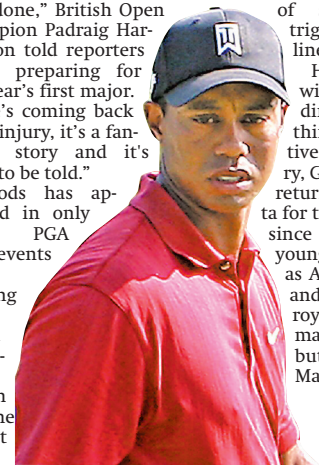
"I know how to prepare the way I like to play the tournament."

Anticipation of the almost inevitable title challenge by Woods is one

of several intriguing storylines this week.

Harrington will be bidding for a third consecutive major victory, Greg Norman returns to Augusta for the first time since 2002 and young guns such as Anthony Kim and Rory McIlroy are set to make their debuts at the Masters.

REUTERS



Canada drops eight on Finland

HOCKEY Canada hammered Finland 8-0 in a playoff game at the world women's hockey championship Wednesday, and have now outscored the opposition 28-1 heading into Friday's game against the defending champion U.S. The U.S. and Finland meet Thursday, so Canada will be the more rested team when they face the Americans the following day. The two countries with the best record in the three-team playoff round advance to Sunday's championship game.

Clouston given extension by Sens

NHL The Ottawa Senators have rewarded head coach Cory Clouston with a two-year contract through the 2010-11 season. Clouston took over for the fired Craig Hartsburg on Feb. 2 with the Senators mired in last place in the Northeast Division at 17-24-7. While Ottawa will miss the playoffs for the first time since the 1995-96 campaign, the team has responded to the coaching change by producing a mark of 19-10-3 under Clouston.

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Curling Canada secures first at worlds



Team Canada skip Kevin Martin and teammate Marc Kennedy wave to the crowd after they defeated the U.S. Wednesday. Canada sits at 9-0 after defeating Finland 12-4 and the U.S. 9-6.

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PLAYOFFS
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Drummondville 5 Montreal 3
(Drummondville wins series 4-0)
Rimouski 4 Moncton 2
Quebec 5 Cape Breton 2
Shawinigan 4 Gatineau 2

NHL

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Buffalo 3 Toronto 1
Columbus at Chicago
THURSDAY'S GAMES

Montreal at Boston
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers
Buffalo at Carolina
New Jersey at Ottawa
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh
Washington at Tampa Bay
Nashville at Detroit
Dallas at Colorado
Los Angeles at Vancouver
Phoenix at San Jose

NBA

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Indiana 130 Toronto 101

Boston 106 New Jersey 104
Cleveland 98 Washington 86
Detroit 113 New York 86
Orlando 81 Memphis 78
Portland 95 San Antonio 83
Atlanta at Milwaukee
Phoenix at New Orleans
Oklahoma City at Denver
Utah at Dallas
Minnesota at Golden State

MLB

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Colorado 9 Arizona 2
Florida 6 Washington 4

Philadelphia 12 Atlanta 11
Baltimore 7 N.Y. Yankees 5
Detroit 5 Toronto 1
Tampa Bay 7 Boston 2
N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati
Chicago Cubs at Houston
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego
Milwaukee at San Francisco
Cleveland at Texas
Seattle at Minnesota
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox
Oakland at L.A. Angels

Detroit hands Jays first loss

AL RESULT

Tigers 5, Blue Jays 1

Miguel Cabrera homered twice, singled and finished with four RBI to carry the Tigers to their first win of the season, a 5-1 decision over the Toronto Blue Jays at Rogers Centre.

Detroit, which did not register a win until its eighth game last year, was routed in the opener of the four-game set, 12-5, and blew a three-run lead on Tuesday before Toronto's Rod Barajas drove in the winning run on a sac fly.

Zach Miner (1-0), in his fourth year in the big leagues, pitched well over 5 2/3 innings, scattering six hits, two walks and a run while striking out four to earn the victory.

Helping on the offensive



Toronto's Alex Rios is tagged out last night.

end was Brandon Inge, who homered for the third consecutive game for the Tigers.

Jesse Litsch (0-1), coming off a 13-win campaign, surrendered five runs on seven hits while fanning five in a six-inning start for Toronto, which has not opened a season 3-0 since 1996.

Aaron Hill doubled in the Blue Jays' only run in the home first.

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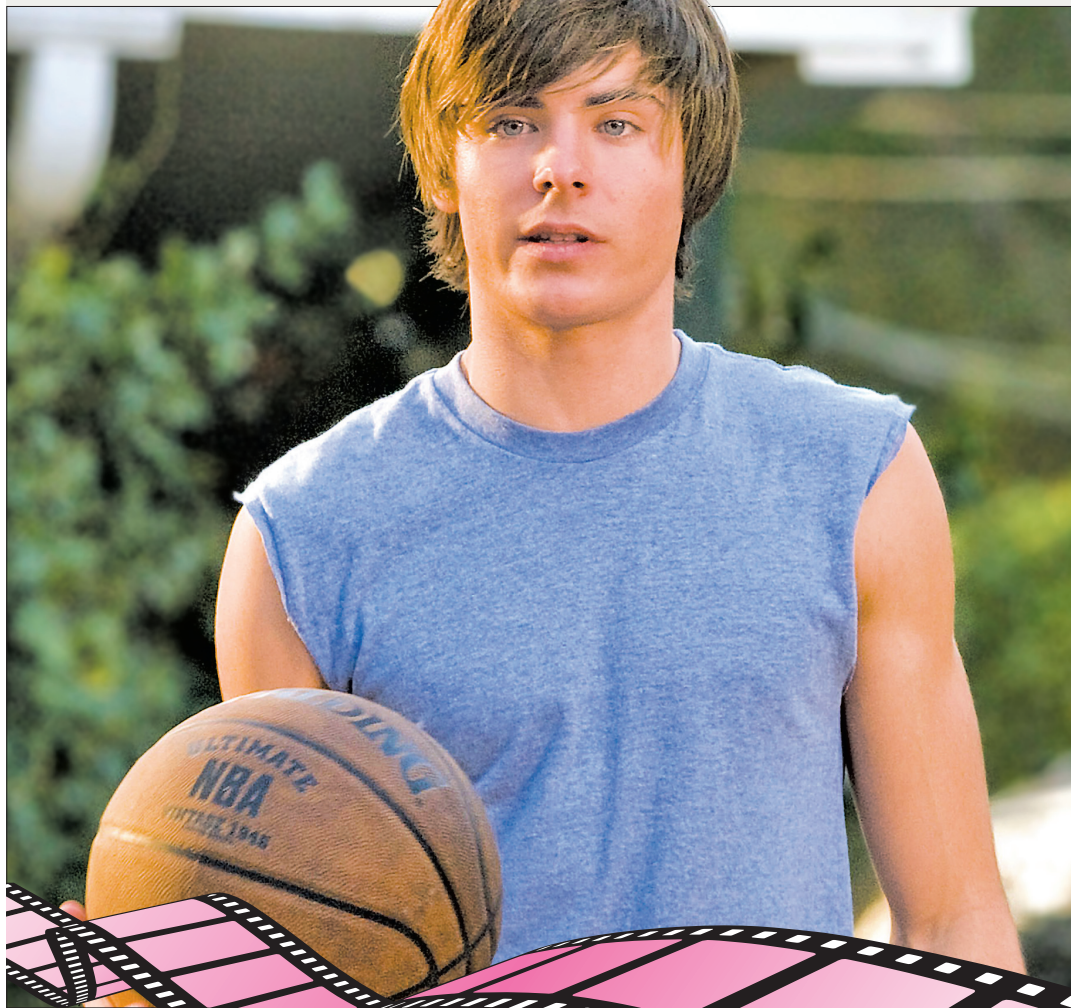
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A new man

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The first thing you see in 17 Again is Zac Efron sweaty and shirtless — the heartthrob as you know him. But after the opening, the story gets under way, and the Disney teen star gets his first real chance to stretch himself and mature his career.

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Nothing to Report here

Observe and Report

Director: Jody Hill

Stars: Seth Rogen, Anna Faris

Classification: 18A

Rating: ★★½

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

There's a scene midway through *Observe and Report* that sums the film up completely. While Detective Harrison (Ray Liotta) is telling mall cop Ronnie Barnhardt (Seth Rogen) that he didn't pass the psychological test required for the police academy, another detective is listening in the closet, unbeknownst to Ronnie.

Halfway through the scene, the detective steps out, interrupting the two men. "I'm sorry," he ex-

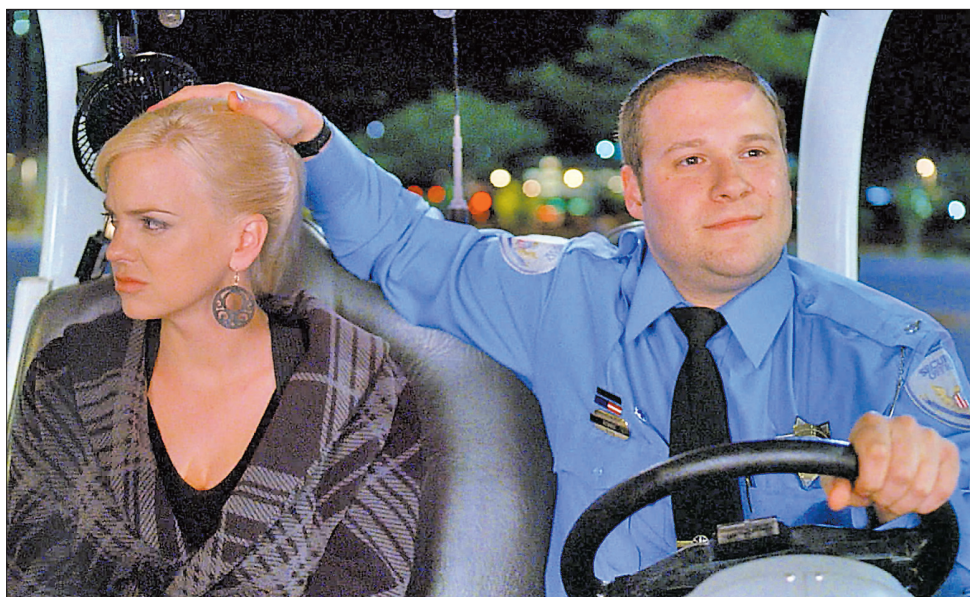
plains. "I thought this was going to be funny. But it's really just kind of sad."

The second mall cop movie this year, *Observe and Report* has as much in common with *Paul Blart: Mall Cop* as *Home Alone* does with *Last House on the Left*.

Most of the laughs come from jarring violence and some truly pervasive language.

And while often unsettling, much of the outrageous humour works well, especially Anna Faris' work as the object of Ronnie's misplaced affection. And Rogen, adding extra pounds and shedding his usual nice-guy persona, disappears into his bipolar, trigger-happy anti-hero.

In another, more traditional comedy — say, one that focused on Liotta's detective instead — Ronnie would be a supporting role,



Anna Faris and Seth Rogen star in *Observe and Report*, a dark comedy directed by Jody Hill.

used simply for comic relief.

But *Observe and Report* decides to linger on the oddball, and sometimes spending that much time with that type of character

isn't exactly rewarding.

The longer we stay with Ronnie and listen to his unrelenting, Travis Bickle-like philosophies, the more we realize he is in fact a psychopath. While

he struggles for validation for his behaviour, the only real lesson he learns is that he isn't trying hard enough, and it all leads to a deeply unsettling climax in which all of Ronnie's ac-

tions are validated.

It's easier to identify with Liotta than with Rogen, and it's never clear if we're supposed to be cheering Ronnie or pitying him.

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High School Musical star Zac Efron returns to the big screen with *17 Again*, which opens in theatres next week.

You don't know Zac

Teen actor attempts to shed Disney image

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News



The first thing you see in 17 Again is Zac Efron — Hollywood heartthrob, star of the High School Musical franchise, bedroom wall decoration for girls the world over — sweaty and shirtless, landing three-pointer after three-pointer in an empty gym.

The filmmakers obviously know how to play to their base.

But after the opening — followed by an impromptu dance routine by Efron to Bust a Move — the story gets underway, and the Disney teen star gets his first real chance to stretch himself, to break out of the Tiger Beat ghetto.

"When I read the script, there were a million different things to play,"

Movie feature

Efron says.

"Playing that kind of complicated character held a lot of opportunities."

Ask anyone involved with the production about Efron, and they are quick to commend his work ethic.

Even after suffering from appendicitis during production, the actor was back at work the next day — and even called his co-workers to apologize for delaying filming.

"I could've ruined the movie," Efron explains, deathly serious.

And Efron even asked for a memento from the production halting surgery: The appendix itself.

"I said to the doctor, 'When it's out, can I have it?' And he was like, 'Yeah,

"I'm ready to try something else, a new challenge. I want to move forward. To be stagnant right now just is not in my heart." Zac Efron

sure," Efron says. "And the thing disappeared. Somebody's got it right now."

But he's not terribly concerned. "It's not like it works."

Efron has been keeping a much more watchful eye on his future career development now that High School Musical is behind him. His next film, Orson Welles and Me, is a period drama about the Victory Theater.

He even considered a cameo in Gus Van Sant's Oscar-winning *Milk*, but scheduling conflicts made it impossible.

Perhaps the surest sign that Efron is looking to broaden his resume and

get away from the material he was first known for is his recent decision to opt out of a musical remake of *Footloose*.

But Efron insists the decision has less to do with typecasting than it does with personal and professional growth.

"Since I was young, I've always loved trying new things and acquiring new skill sets," the actor says. "I'm ready to try something else, a new challenge. I want to move forward. To be stagnant right now just is not in my heart."

• *17 Again* opens in theatres across Canada on Friday, April 17.

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Movie careers on suicide watch

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Two things in the last 24 hours have gotten me thinking about movie stars who seem determined to throw their careers away.

First, I saw a picture of Lindsay Lohan slumped over in the backseat of a limo. With a tangled mess of flame coloured hair obscuring her face, the former A-list star looked, to put it mildly, a little worse for the wear and tear.

Secondly, I saw *Two Lovers*, a new drama starring Joaquin Phoenix as a depressed man torn between two women. Watching his work made me wish he would go to the

barber, get a shave, stop his infantile flirtation with becoming the new Vanilla Ice and get back to doing what he does best — create interesting, layered characters for the big screen.

Both are accomplished stars — he's a two time Oscar nominee and just four years ago she won the Superstar of Tomorrow award — and both have recently been added to a long list of Hollywood actors who, through personal temperament, ego or bad management, have allowed their careers to swirl down the drain.

The most cheerless flameout of recent years has to be Tom Sizemore. After a string of arrests, failed drug tests (one involving a prosthetic penis) and a self-marketed amateur porn tape, the once formidable star of *Strange Days* and *Saving Private Ryan* has sunk so low even Paris Hilton denies having a one-night-stand with him.

Rupert Everett told the



Joaquin Phoenix's work in *Two Lovers* makes columnist Richard Crouse wish that he'd drop his rap act.

New York Times Magazine that defining his sexuality was career suicide as a leading man. "I wanted to be a movie star," he said. "I had a difficult set of cir-

cumstances to deal with, particularly for a movie career. Being gay. It just doesn't work." Times have changed since 1997 when he came out, (just ask Ian

McKellen) but the damage to Everett's career was already done. I'd further suggest making horrible movies with Madonna (remember *The Next Best*

Thing? Its 17 per cent rating at Rotten Tomatoes says it all) was the postscript on his career suicide note.

As difficult as it is to see once promising careers evaporate, like everything in this ever shifting world not even career suicide is permanent.

Just a few years ago Tom Cruise looked like he was, as *Film Threat* wrote, "a man on a career-suicide mission," but even after the one-two punch of bad publicity following his couch gymnastics on the Oprah show, insults to Brooke Shields and the release of the fetid *Lions For Lambs*, Cruise bounced back. He was welcomed back by a Golden Globe nomination for *Tropic Thunder*, his first major award nod in five years.

Joaquin, Lindsay, Tom and Everett take note.

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Movie morsels

Adventureland

REVIEW Written and directed by Greg Mottola (Superbad), Adventureland follows James (Jesse Eisenberg), an aspiring scholar who is forced into working away his vacation to earn his tuition. Unable to land anything of prominence, he reluctantly takes a gig at Adventureland, a worn-out amusement park that specializes in fetid corn dogs, fixed games, the endless sound of Falco's Rock Me Amadeus.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Fast & Furious

REVIEW Fast & Furious opens up with an absolutely spectacular (and spectacularly dumb) bit of pre-credits action featuring a failed oil tanker hijacking that climaxes with Vin Diesel gunning it into the side of a spiralling, flaming rig. And that's really all you need to know about this sequel, the fourth in the long-run-

ning and popular franchise: It's big, it's loud, it fetishizes its hulking, turtle-faced star and is loaded with revving motors and sleek chrome.

Chris Alexander/Metro Canada

I Love You, Man

REVIEW I Love You, Man is a star-filled and unabashed comedy that leaves the audience feeling pleasant whether they like it or not. Normally this type of filmmaking can be irritatingly predictable, but writer/director John Hamburg packed his cast with the right talent and toys with conventions just enough to make audiences remember why the well-worn formulas worked so well in the first place.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Knowing

REVIEW Combining elements of numerology, theology, fatalism and the

notion of alien life in what is basically a glorified disaster movie, Knowing accomplishes the improbable combination of giving us way too much and yet not enough. When his son's school unearths a 50-year-old time capsule, troubled professor John Koestler (Nicolas Cage) comes across an odd document scribbled with seemingly random numbers.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Sunshine Cleaning

REVIEW In Sunshine Cleaning, Amy Adams and Emily Blunt star as two sisters ringing in an early mid-life crisis by starting up a lucrative business cleaning up gruesome crime-scenes. It may sound more like a grim new HBO series, but instead this comic-drama takes a light and charming look at a broken family just trying to make ends meet.

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Music

Krall's sleepless nights

Jazz singer juggles motherhood, touring and recording

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

If it seemed like Diana Krall was taking some time off from her busy life the last couple of years, think again. She might not have been on tour, but producing a Barbra Streisand album, creating a new disc of her own, and raising twin boys is anything but a relaxing vacation.

"I haven't had more than a couple weeks off in many months," says an exhausted Krall, who has spent the last week talking to media. "I took two weeks in January, then started full on again. I wanted to do this album, and when I'm with my children I'm with my children. I haven't slept in a week."

Krall's world is only going to get busier, as she's about to embark on a five-month tour in support of her latest record, *Quiet Nights*. The disc sees the Vancouver-based artist, and wife to Elvis Costello, tackle an entire record of Bossa Nova tunes.

It's a genre she's always dabbled in — her biggest hit, the *Look of Love*, featured a Bossa Nova groove — but it's the first time she's dedicated an entire record to the Brazilian sound.

"I've always liked the genre," she says. "I've been a fan of Sergio Mendez, João Gilberto and Stan Getz for years."

But it was her partnership with arranger Claus Ogerman, who worked with Krall on *Look of Love*,



Diana Krall is embarking on a five-month tour in support of latest record, *Quiet Nights*.

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Diana Krall

that energized her interest in Bossa Nova. "It's because of Claus," she says, explaining why she made this record. "I started listening to Gilberto at Carnegie Hall and then I went to Brazil and got into the grooviness of the people and music there. And, since Claus worked with (Bossa Nova legend) Antonio Carlos Jobim, it just felt like this was the right direction."

Like her previous discs, Krall takes other people's tunes and makes them her own. Standouts include Burt Bacharach's *Walk On By*, Jobim's *Este Seu Olhar*, and *The Boy From Ipanema*, originally sung as *The Girl From Ipanema* by Astrud Gilberto.

Picking what tunes to perform was the hardest part of making this disc, says Krall. But she had some help. "You want to put

everything on an album," she explains, "but you pay people to wisely give their very valued opinion."

One person she didn't ask for advice was her husband, but he wasn't left out of the album creating process entirely. "His input comes in after I've made the record," she says. "He's very much the artist so he helps by being supportive when I say I really want something to be a certain way."

Krall on tour

• Diana Krall plays the Halifax Metro Centre on May 10.

New releases could boost spring sales

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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It's be clear about something: The music industry is in great shape. More music is being

made by more bands and music is being consumed by more people than at any other time in the history of the species. Gross concert revenues in 2008 were up 10 per cent, thanks to bands like Coldplay and Bon Jovi. Heck, Madonna grossed nearly \$340 million on her own. And with U2, Nickleback and Britney on the road now, 2009 will be even better.

No, the music industry is fine. It's the CD-selling industry that's having a hard time. Even with a heavily-hyped U2 album, not a single first quarter album managed to achieve platinum status. That's not good. But maybe Q2 will be better.

Depeche Mode, *Sounds of the Universe*: Hell is surely frozen over because songwriter/dictator Martin Gore has allowed singer Dave Gahan to contribute at least three songs to the album, the band's 12th studio release and 11th under Gore's control. Watch for a super-duper deluxe version that'll come with remixes, demos and two 84-page books. Everything hits the

stores April 21.

Green Day, *21st Century Breakdown*: Three years in the making and five years after *American Idiot*, Green Day returns with yet another punk rock opera delivered in three acts. We were teased with a clip of the first single, *Know Your Enemy*, during the NCAA final on Monday. The full version will be on your radio by this time next week. Meanwhile, the album will hit stores on May 15.

Billy Talent/TBA: Ben Kowalewicz and the boys spent time in Los Angeles and Atlanta sorting out the group's third album with Brendan O'Brien (Pearl Jam, AC/DC). I don't have a title (Could it be Billy Talent III?), but the first single will be called *Rusted in the Rain* and is scheduled to be released May 19. Word is the guys stretch their abilities with excellent results.

Alexisonfire, *Old Crows/Young Cardinals*: The band's fourth album was recorded in Vancouver and Hamilton and is set to be released as far afield as Australia and South Africa. All they'll say at this point is that the album is done and it'll be released in "early summer."

Eminem, *Relapse* and *Relapse 2*: Marshall's back with a two-part release. We'll get the first volume May 19. Volume 2 will be a Christmas present.

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The Hills are still alive — for female fans

The fifth season premiere of The Hills had the highest ratings among females aged 12-24, but the show averaged three million viewers, down 15 percent from last season. INTOUCHWEEKLY.COM

Television

Harper's TV and web conquest

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

To date, the tension between television and online video can be largely characterized by one adage: Divide and conquer.

Broadcasters affirm television's strength amid declining viewership and advertisement revenue, while online seems to constantly increase its audience, but struggles to find a way to turn those eyes into income.

But the new faction of Harper's Island and Harper's Globe is trying to put that polarity out to pasture, instead considering the battling platforms as separate but equal.

Harper's Island is the 13-week modern murder mystery, following 25 characters that surround a wedding and reunion on the eponymous island. Week by week, one or more characters are killed off the primetime soap-



Harper's Island characters Henry and Abby look for clues in the attic. The new series premieres on Global Thursday night.

like show, leading to discovery of the murderer by the show's conclusion.

It's supplemented with Harper's Globe, the online "website" and social network named for the island newspaper. The online content is different, large-

ly filmed in confessional-style and supported by blogs and interaction by Robin, the new-to-the-island journalist.

"Before Robin came onto the site, viewers were already on there, creating their own profile pages,

forming a community and getting to know each other," said Melanie Merkosky, the Calgary actress that plays Robin.

The foray into online video is nothing new for Merkosky, who now calls herself an "online junkie." Before Harper's Globe, she was a leading character on YouTube viral video sensation, lonelygirl15.

"I do think entertainment is headed towards the Internet and people are now starting to look at it as a viable entertainment platform," said Merkosky.

While she didn't set out to solely act online, she said the intrigue of lonelygirl15 drew her to her subsequent online incarnation. "I was just more intrigued by the idea of both of them."

Unlike lonelygirl15, however, the Harper hybrid must balance the pair of mediums for their respective audiences. While content may be different, Merkosky said the two

stories are completely connected.

"The plot lines overlap, the characters criss-cross and it's really bringing two different audiences together. If you're going to start moving toward the trend of doing online programming, I think this is the best way to go because it's still directly related and intertwined with the TV program."

Correlation aside, Merkosky admitted online continues to have a content advantage over television, carrying fewer restrictions than the regulated tube.

"We were allowed to show more and do scarier things than you would see on network TV. There is definitely a campy element to it, like Scream, but it's a lot scarier."

Series premiere

• Harper's Island begins airing Thursday on Global TV.

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critics' corner

Parks and Recreation

Filmed in the same faux-documentary style as "The Office," this sitcom takes viewers inside the local government offices of Pawnee, Ind., where midlevel bureaucrat Leslie Knope (Amy Poehler) tries to cut through red tape and obstructive officials to beautify her town and advance her career. Rashida Jones, Aziz Ansari, Nick Offerman and Paul Schneider also star. 9:30 PM on NBC



Doc Zone

The two-hour documentary "Air India 182" recalls the 1985 airliner explosion that claimed the lives of 329 people, most of them Canadian. It covers the events leading up to the bombing, as well as the subsequent investigation and trial of a bomb maker, using dramatic re-creations, inquiry transcripts and interviews with family members of those who perished. 8 PM on CBC

Jew Like Me

A sort of "Gentleman's Agreement" for the 21st century, Toronto filmmaker Jamie Kastner's documentary generated tons of buzz at the Hot Docs festival. In it, Kastner travels the globe seeking answers about what it means to be Jewish. He chats with Lubavitcher Jews in Brooklyn, young Arabs in Paris and a rabbi in Israel, ending his journey at Auschwitz, where he expresses dismay at the touristy ambience of the former death camp. 10 PM on BRAVO

Nickelodeon steps up live-action

Nickelodeon has green-lighted pilots for two live-action comedies — one about a pair of taco-loving, wave-chasing surfers and the other a show (from Conan O'Brien's production company) about three telepathic high-schoolers. **REUTERS**

Television

Leno brings comic relief to Motor City

In a nod to the gloomy economy, late-night comedian Jay Leno hosted a show Tuesday to lift the battered spirits of Detroit residents facing steep unemployment and a faltering auto industry.

The host of NBC's *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, a celebrated car buff, presented a "comedy stimulus plan" to a packed house at a suburban Detroit arena that is home to the Detroit Pistons professional basketball team.

"The idea is just come on down, hopefully forget your troubles for a while, other people are in the same boat as you are and maybe take some of the weight off, that's all," Leno told reporters beforehand.

Introduced by hometown hero Kid Rock, Leno launched into an 80-minute monologue aimed at anyone and anything from U.S. presidents to air travel and life in Los Angeles.

He riffed on cars, the price of gasoline and ads

for brands like Jaguar and Lexus, but steered clear of Detroit, or the struggling U.S. carmakers, as a butt of his jokes.

Leno thanked union members, whose parents and grandparents "created the middle class in America" and told a roaring audience, "God bless Detroit." "It's bad, but it's not that bad. Things will turn around, they have before," he said.

The arena was set up for about 15,000 seats, and all the tickets were distributed for shows on Tuesday and Wednesday. Parking and soft drinks were free, and other items were discounted as sponsors chipped in to offset the costs.

Detroit was hard hit by the auto industry's troubles and crumbling housing prices even before the latest economic downturn that has pushed U.S. unemployment to 25-year highs.

Michigan's unemployment rate was 12 per cent in February, compared with what was a 25-year-high 8.1

per cent U.S. rate. Rates are much higher in some areas. In Detroit, the jobless rate hit an unadjusted 22.8 per cent in February.

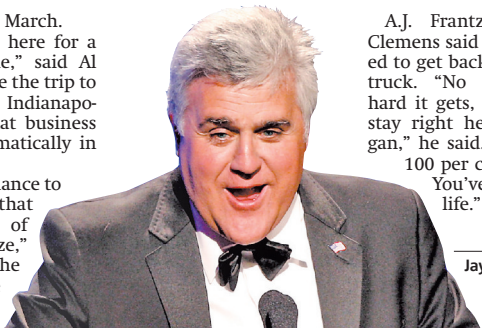
Thousands of fans waited patiently to see the show, which Leno said was aimed at cheering up anyone down on their luck.

Leno's show was planned long before U.S. President Barack Obama rejected turnaround plans from General Motors Corp.

and Chrysler in March.

"We are just here for a very good time," said Al Held, who made the trip to Michigan from Indianapolis and said that business was down dramatically in recent months.

"It is just a chance to forget about that for a couple of hours, and freeze," he said as he waited outside the arena.



Jay Leno

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A.J. Frantz of Mount Clemens said he just wanted to get back to driving a truck. "No matter how hard it gets, I'm going to stay right here in Michigan," he said. "I'm a pure 100 per cent optimist. You've got to love life." **REUTERS**

Entertainment in brief

AWARDS SHOW The Daytime Emmy Awards have found a home on the CW. The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences has inked a deal with the network to broadcast this year's ceremony Aug. 30 from

the Orpheum Theatre in Los Angeles. The show landed at the non-Big Three network CW after ABC and CBS, which alternate carrying the event each year, both declined to renew their Emmy contracts. **REUTERS**

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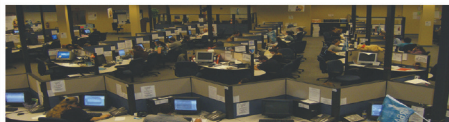
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In yesterday's Metro, unfortunately an incomplete recipe appeared from Barb Holland for Hot Cross Buns. Please visit metronews.ca/food for the full recipe. Metro apologizes for the error. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Going Out

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Neil Young performs tonight at the Halifax Metro Centre.

Neil Young

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Where: Halifax Metro Centre
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The Toxic Bus Incident

When: Friday through April 17
Where: Neptune Studio Theatre

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Dorothy The Dinosaur

When: Monday, 1 and 4 p.m.
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

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Forces of Nature

When: Saturday through May 31
Where: Art Gallery of Nova Scotia

This new exhibit featuring work of several artists explore mediation, danger, and seduction in both natural and constructed land and seascapes.

Ice Age Mammals

When: Through May 31
Where: Nova Scotia Museum of National History

The exhibit presents an explanation of geological climate change as well as human impacts on the environment. The display includes videos and interactive stations.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 The final episode of Corner Gas

TV The fictional town of Dog River and its quirky residents will bid goodbye to TV viewers April 13, the day when CTV airs the final episode of the popular Canadian sitcom created by Brent Butt (pictured, right). In tribute, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall has declared the fateful Monday 'Corner Gas Day.'



2 My Flow So Tight: Smoke Jumpers

SONG Who can resist a little Chris Brown-bashing these days? This song, featuring the repeated line "Chris Brown should get his ass kicked," is getting heavy airplay on major radio stations across the U.S. The hip hop group's website is hyping the tune as "the official Chris Brown dis record."

3 Writing iPhone applications

BUSINESS As jobs start to dry up, software experts are trying to bite off a bit of this Apple pie. The formula's simple: write an application for the ubiquitous gadget, put it on sale on the software company's online store, and wait for consumers to get hooked on to your product. According to a recent New York Times article, many coding nerds are making enough cash from sales to quit their jobs.

4 Job pitches on TV

TREND Resumes are so pre-recession. The New England Job Show, a new Massachusetts-based public cable access production, is now allowing hungry job seekers to record 30-second commercials, where they pitch themselves to prospective employers.

5 Miroir Noir

DVD Hipsters, take notice. Canada's indie demigods Arcade Fire have released a new DVD chronicling the recording of their second album Neon Bible and performances from the subsequent tour. The website Pitchfork.tv is currently streaming the 70-minute documentary.



6 Observe and Report

FILM Seth Rogen sheds the image of the lovable, pot-smoking, slightly overweight dude for an edgier persona in this Jody Hill-helmed film. The Canadian actor plays a mall security guard with bipolar disorder who takes it upon himself to protect his territory and the girl of dreams (Anna Faris), from a flasher.

7 Kal Penn

ACTOR Harold and Kumar go to White House? Kind of. The Barack Obama administration has hired Kal Penn, the actor who shot to fame playing a slacker in the Harold and Kumar series, to help the U.S. president connect with Asian-American communities.

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INFORMATION FEATURE

Keeping kosher harder in Halifax

JON TATTRE
for Metro Halifax



Passover starts this week and that means kosher supplies are scarce. Most Halifax grocery stores are already sold out of products that meet the religious requirements of many Jews.

"There's a limited amount of kosher food here," observes Bassie Feldman of the Jewish organization Chabad. "You can get a minimal amount of basics."

Feldman says meat isn't so hard to find, but dried goods like oil and ketchup are next to impossible. She usually brings in her supplies from New York and Toronto.

There are about 200 families looking for kosher products in HRM, she said, and families from the rest of the Maritimes are even worse off and shop in the

"The whole thing of keeping kosher on Passover is to forget a little bit about the food. The whole thing is keeping an inner cleanliness."

Rabbi Ari Sherbill

city. "You definitely have to plan ahead. You have to be very creative."

"It something that's important throughout the year. The reason there are more people kosher on Passover is because there's a special biblical command," she explains.

"I'm keeping kosher all year, and I'm always having a challenge finding what I need," she says. "I'm used to it. I grew up in Toronto and New York and I never had these issues before. There's no shortage in the rest of the world. It's a Halifax phenomenon."

Rabbi Ari Sherbill at the Beth Israel Synagogue has a different perspective. "Don't worry about!" he

says. "I'm not stressing over it at all. The whole thing of keeping kosher on Passover is to forget a little bit about the food. The whole thing is keeping an inner cleanliness."

The Torah says not to have any leaven, or rising, products, hence the matza. But Sherbill takes that command in another way. "That represents, ultimately, what's on the inside: That we shouldn't have a heart that rises, that is arrogant or haughty."

Instead, focus on isolated prayer with God and deeply studying the Torah. "Don't worry about the ketchup, there's plenty of food, thank God. No one's going hungry."

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11:00 pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter - Music by Byrd, Gabrieli and Purcell

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10:00am Morning Prayer (said)
10:30am Choral Holy Communion, signed for the Deaf, with St. George's Brass

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Wednesday in Easter Week - April 15
10:00am Holy Communion - said, signed for the Deaf

Saturday - April 18
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Sunday - April 19
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Music

Junior Boys go the musical distance

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
For Metro Canada

Recording an album when your bandmate lives across an ocean from you can be tricky, but if you're as determined as Hamiltonian-based band The Junior Boys, distance is no obstacle to creating good music.

To record their new disc, Begone Dull Care, the elec-

tro duo, which features Jeremy Greenspan and Matt Didemus, didn't share MP3s via email. Instead they laid down tracks the old fashioned way, by traveling between Hamilton and Berlin — where Didemus lives — to work on music face to face.

"I wasn't interested in doing that whole sending things off," says Greenspan. "We're big be-

lievers that the equipment and conditions all play a central role in where music is going to go. For us patching things together through MSN doesn't seem exciting."

That being said, the two some did write things independent of one another, so it wasn't like they were racking up long distance charges discussing each musical move. That separa-

tion, says Greenspan, is another reason why trading emails didn't make sense for them. "Because of that impendence it was even more important that we didn't swap files," he says.

While they might have produced a solid album if they had just sent each other MP3s, after listening to the album, which is based around the films of Canadian filmmaker Normal

McLaren, it's easy to see why they had to write this together. The disc is easily their most meticulous record of their career, though, Greenspan says, they tried to make it sound spontaneous.

In the end the band created a spare, yet upbeat collection of airy tunes, layered with electro sounds and, in a few cases, '80s grooves.



The Junior Boys (Jeremy Greenspan, left, and Matt Didemus).

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TV actors released from Saudi prison

A group of TV actors in Saudi Arabia have been released from prison after being arrested for mixing with members of the opposite sex.

The actors, stars of the Saudi TV series Ayyamu Al Surab (The Mirage Days), were filming in a hotel lobby in the capital city of Riyadh when they came to the attention of the religious police, who prohibit the mixing of men and women in public. They were arrested March 30.

The actors were released without charge after signing an agreement not to film in a mixed-gender group in public again. Saudi Arabia has strict laws governing the mixing of unrelated men and women.

The actors are well known in the region.

"Although it's not that common, it happens, and

the religious police do it to show they have power," said one Saudi media and political consultant who wished to remain anonymous. "Many TV series are filmed across Saudi Arabia, and sometimes the police will make a raid to show their upper hand. But in this case, the TV series had the correct permission to film, so it was against the rules for the police to intervene."

Saudi's religious police, the Commission for Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice (CPVPV), consists of officers who follow a shifting set of moral and quasi-legal laws. They have divided a society that is part forward-thinking and progressive, and part rooted in a strict, literal interpretation of Islamic law.

"The backlash online has been massive. It's negative to Saudis and Saudi cine-

ma," the consultant said, adding that actors and filmmakers in Saudi Arabia struggle to be creative under draconian laws.

There has been vocal debate in the kingdom in recent years, with reformers pushing for change. King Abdullah replaced the country's religious police leader with a more progressive leader, but incidents like this may be perceived as a setback to a country that has recently begun to open itself up to tourists from the West.

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Restrictions

• There are still no cinemas in Saudi Arabia. DVDs and television are the only outlets, and people gather in private homes for film screenings.

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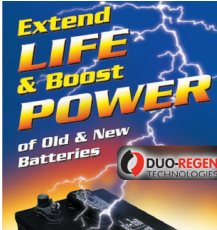
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Sony nabs international rights to Obama documentary

By the People: The Election of Barack Obama, which will air on HBO, has been picked up by the company. The film follows Obama from the announcement of his candidacy to his historic election and inauguration as U.S. president.

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Brad Pitt in The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.

Don't touch 'Button'

Studio cautions Bollywood against remake of popular film

Fighting for its foothold in India's growing movie market, Warner Bros. has threatened to sue anybody planning to remake The Curious Case of Benjamin Button without its permission.

Warners' threat appeared in local media advertisements Monday after reports that Bollywood producer Vipul Amrutlal

Shah planned to make a Hindi-language film called Action Replay, in which actor Akshay Kumar would go through a reverse-aging process.

"We took the step of publishing a notice regarding the possible unauthorized remake of The Curious Case of Benjamin Button ... to ensure that the filmgoing public in In-

dia experience our movies in the way that they were intended," Mumbai-based Warner Bros. India told The Hollywood Reporter on Tuesday.

The ads say that Warners will sue anyone producing a film "either in English or Hindi or another language, having a similar script, screenplay or story line or character sketches or in-

terplay of characters or sequence of events."

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Anne Hathaway will not be working with Marc Jacobs, despite rumours circulating this week that she will star in his latest ad campaign, femalefirst.co.uk says. Reports had been rife that she would become the designer's muse. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Rumours shot down

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna sent funds to Italy

DONATION When a devastating earthquake struck the Abruzzo region of Italy on Monday, the mayor of the hamlet of Pacentro made an appeal for help to the granddaughter of two former townspeople, people.com.

Madonna, whose paternal grandparents lived in Pacentro until 1919, made a "substantial donation" for the relief effort following the 6.3 magnitude quake that left more than 200 dead, says her publicist Liz Rosenberg. The rep wouldn't give the amount, but a source says it's about \$500,000.

"I am happy to lend a helping hand to the town that my ancestors are from," Madonna tells People. "My heart goes out to the families that

have lost loved ones or their homes."

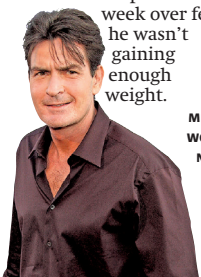
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Sheen's son back from hospital

HEALTH Charlie Sheen's baby son Max has been released from hospital after battling weight issues, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Max and his twin brother Bob were born two weeks premature and the tot was admitted to a Los Angeles-area hospital last

week over fears he wasn't gaining enough weight.

METRO WORLD NEWS



Tears, humiliation follow split

DRAMA Samantha Ronson may have split from Lindsay Lohan, but she doesn't need help from the law to keep them apart, people.com reports.

The Beverly Hills cops confirmed that Ronson's family members asked about a restraining order following the couple's recent breakup. But Ronson's attorney,

David Bass, tells People: "Samantha has no plan to request a restraining order. There is no basis for one."

And a source close to the deejay offers this spin: "Sam does not want a restraining order

against Lindsay Lohan. Sam had nothing to do with the restraining order against Lindsay that the police are talking about."

Adds the source: "She thinks the whole thing is absurd."

On Friday, Ronson, 31, and her family blocked Lohan, 22, from the I Heart Ronson bash at Bar Marmont, an event celebrating Charlotte Ronson's clothing line.

Though Lohan was banned from the party, another source says that she and Ronson "are totally communicating."

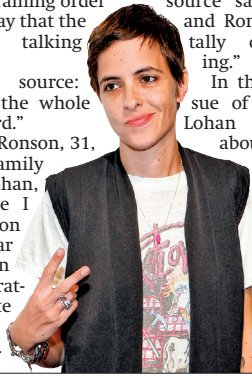
In the newest issue of Us Weekly, Lohan opens up about her heart-breaking split from Samantha Ronson, the "humiliating" weekend showdown with Ronson's fami-

ly, and says that friends' fears she is suicidal are unfounded.

"It's absolute hell," Lohan told Us on Monday in a far-ranging interview over several lengthy phone calls and emails where she was agitated, crying and baffled by the turn of events.

Lohan says she's "so alone" without Ronson, the magazine adds.

"Everyone's turned on me," says the actress. She tells the magazine that the night of the Chateau showdown, Nicole Richie walked by her and said, "Uck." **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Halle happiest at home

PEOPLE Halle Berry has several reasons to stay at home: A one-year-old baby, a hot boyfriend and celebrity that makes being in public uncomfortable, people.com reports.

Admitting her guiltiest pleasure to May's Harper's Bazaar, the Oscar winner, 42, says her current addiction is "very boring, but I buy baby clothes online. Nahla can't wear all the clothes I've bought, and we don't go anywhere because I can't deal with the paparazzi."

On the overstuffed closets for the baby, boyfriend

Gabriel Aubrey is sympathetic — though only up to a point.

"Gabriel's always like, 'She doesn't even leave the house! Halle, you've got to stop,'" says Berry.

Still, he clearly has other ad-

vantages, and they're helping keep Berry at home, too. "I have a 33-year-old man. That'll keep your mojo mojo in," she declares.

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Pam thrilled with new beau

RELATIONSHIPS Pamela Anderson is getting cozy with her latest boyfriend, scuba diver Jamie Padgett — and her kids approve. "They just like that mommy's

happy. They're happy, mommy's happy, we're all happy," Anderson told

Hollyscoop. But is a fourth walk down the aisle in the cards for the actress? Apparently her friend, Heatherette designer Ritchie Rich, is ready just in case. "He's designed a few" wedding dresses for the potential occasion," Anderson added.

METRO WORLD NEWS



Jess dropped by label

CAREER Jessica Simpson has been dropped by her record label, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The star's short-lived career as a country artist could be over as it has been confirmed she is no longer represented by Sony Nashville.

A representative for Jessica, 28, insists the arrangement with the company was only temporary and will now focus her attentions on pop.

The spokesperson said: "She was on loan to Sony Nashville for her country album. She is and has al-

ways been an Epic artist and continues to be on Epic's label."

Although Jessica's re-launch as a country artist in 2008 was controversial — particularly among the genre's traditionalists, who didn't like her pop star past — her album Do You Know reached number one in the U.S. country charts and sold over 100,000 copies.

She was booted at her first country music concert last July, snubbed from the Country Music Association Awards in November and was heavily criticized while supporting Rascal Flatts earlier this year.

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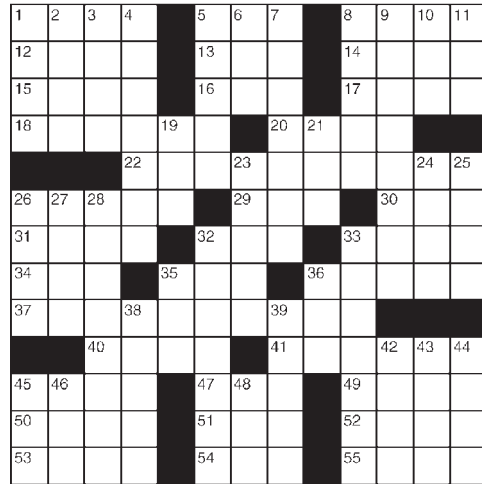




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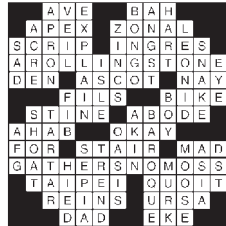
Crossword across

- 1 Satan's minions
5 Portion of N.A.
8 Relinquish
12 "Arrivederci"
13 Island souvenir
14 Graph line
15 Vivacity
16 Pitch
17 Supermarket supply
18 Constant sufferer
20 Do laps in the pool
22 Irregularity
26 Pivots
29 Plagiarize
30 "The Matrix" role
31 Round of applause
32 "Holy mackerel!"
- 33 Cribbage scorers
34 Scratch (out)
35 Guy's partner
36 Tapestry
37 Staff addition
40 Mother of Don Juan
41 Pollen-producing organ
45 Nix a bill
47 Hooter
49 Pop flavour
50 Detail
51 Born
52 Centres
53 Put together
54 Mag. staffers
55 "OK"

Crossword down

- 1 SALT subject
2 Actress Sorvino
3 Twosome
4 Allayed
5 Extreme
6 Vast expanse
7 Blue Angels' performance
8 Woody home
9 San Francisco newspaper
10 Delve
11 Curvy character
19 "Indeed"
21 Symbol of intrigue
23 Billy Goats Gruff foe
24 Nintendo rival
25 Velvety forest growth
- 26 Writer Silverstein
27 Huron, for one
28 Like a first draft
32 Where the action is?
33 Didactic
35 "Golly!"
36 Pismire
38 Travelocity mascot
39 NYC hockey team, for short
42 Grimace
43 Napoleon's exile site
44 Doggerelish Ogden
45 Energy
46 Greek H
48 Marry

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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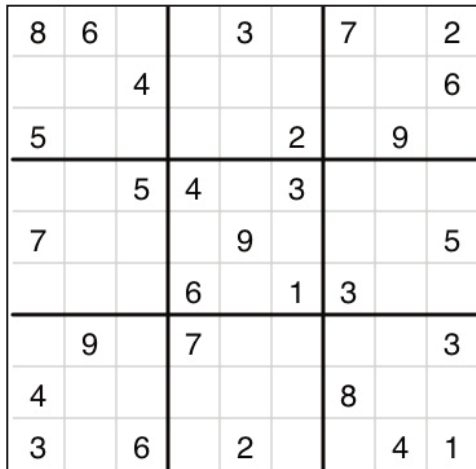
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Baltimore Seafood Cakes

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 slices dry bread
1/2 cup (125 ml) milk
2 cans (4 oz/120 g) fresh crab meat
1/2 lb (250 g) peeled, cooked shrimp
2 large eggs
2 tsp (10 ml) Dijon mustard
1 tbsp (15 ml) Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup (125 ml) ground almonds
A large pinch of cayenne pepper
1 tbsp (15 ml) mayonnaise
A handful of fresh parsley

COATING:

- 1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups (375 ml) dried breadcrumbs
Canola oil for frying

METHOD:

1. Soak both slices of bread in milk 5 minutes. Flake crab meat, put into a bowl, chop shrimp and add to the crab.

2. Separate eggs and set whites aside. Add yolks, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, almonds, cayenne

- and mayonnaise to crab. Rinse, dry and chop enough parsley for 1 tbsp (15 ml) and add to bowl.
3. Squeeze bread dry, add to crab and stir until soft but not sloppy; add some breadcrumbs if mixture is too moist.
4. For coating: put flour onto one plate and breadcrumbs onto another. Whisk 1 tbsp (15 ml) water into egg whites. Divide crab mixture into eight portions and shape into cakes. Dip into flour, shake off excess, then dip into egg whites and coat with breadcrumbs.
5. Heat 1/2 in. (1 cm) oil in large frying pan over fairly high heat. Fry fish cakes 2-3 minutes per side until crisp and golden, then drain on paper towels and serve two per person.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Money-making leads to troublemaking. An intolerant loser makes a new rule. Hope fades when too much is at stake.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21
A dealer thinks that sticking to the facts is irrational. A power surge breaks someone down. Predictability lets you make corrections.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
A wise man wants to relocate. Ruthlessness can't be ignored. Learn to speak softly if you wish to be convincing.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
Be candid to boost your personal appeal. Others should respect your hard work. A small but pushy guy makes a difference.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
It's too late to repair certain things. Apply yourself to more enlightening matters. Problems cause a commotion and life continues.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
Don't stay too late with a friend. A stubborn traitor takes on a starring role. Developing your skills takes up time.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22
Great expectations generate a unique opportunity. A cheater creates upheaval by refusing to be amusing. Don't run with scissors in hand.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
An alienated friend thinks you look worried. You'll meet a stranger who bores you to tears. Refuse to comply with unfair orders.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23
A crook doesn't have the answer you need. A good mood will heal a touchy-feely person. A loner develops the ability to communicate.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
You'll bravely face a stressful situation. Good fortune produces stability. Include an intriguing person in your fun.



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AUG 24-SEPT 22
A manager makes a reasonable choice. A free spirited person insists on sharing things. A champion has a problem with conforming.



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7. "Pop" test giver's paper-cutting tool (2)
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